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Newsletter

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Term 3 Week 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 3, we hope you all had a very restful winter break. Students have returned yesterday full of cheer and ready to start the term ahead.

Welcome back to Mrs Hardy who has returned to teach 3 days each week. Mrs Hardy will be working with small groups for reading and then taking Year 1, 1/2 and Year 3 for release lessons.

Cross Country Results

Congratulations to the wombats who took out the cross-country event held last term. Special mention to Craig Dorin who ran the whole track and never stopped, so proud of you Craig! Super stars were Ashton and Jack who supported Craig all the way!

Age Champions were

8/9 Years Charlie Hotham & Amelia Kirby

10 Years Ben Webster & Jenna Gallagher

11 Years Lochlan Shoemark & Jaya Farrar

12 Years Tom Lenehan & Katie McPhail



**Well Done Wombats and Craig
and our good sports
Ash and Jack!**

Wear RED Day & BBQ – To Support Ronald Macdonald House in Orange

Next Thursday 30th July, our school will participate in Wear Red Day. We will be having a Sausage Sizzle and an order form is attached. Please bring along a gold coin to support this important Central West Charity. So get out your best red gear and join in the fun!



**Sausage Sizzle
Order
Attached**

Attendance at School

Every student is expected at school every day UNLESS they are;

- at home because they are currently unwell
- at home because they have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition

If parents believe that their child has a condition which means it's not safe for them to return to school, they will need to provide a medical certificate.

If a student is absent for more than three days without a medical certificate, this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence and followed up by the school.

If a student falls ill while at school, the department's current first aide procedures apply including contacting the student's parent or carer or emergency contact, to collect the student. Families should ensure all emergency contacts are up to date.

Covid Restrictions for Term 3

As you are aware NSW is on high alert and as we cautiously return to Term 3, there are still a number of restrictions in place due to the Covid 19 pandemic. I have summarized these for you below.

- Three services have resumed in our school this term. Scripture, Quocka with the Year 1 class and Band will start in the first 2 weeks. All of these workers have been taken through the health and safety guidelines and have signed the Covid Safe visitor acknowledgement form.
- Drop and Go System still in place - Non-essential adults are still not permitted on school grounds or at school events. This includes parents and carers except for face-to-face parent/teacher meetings that are essential (e.g. to discuss disciplinary or other welfare matters). These take place in the office area.
- P&C meetings should be on-line where possible. P&C run activities involving gatherings are discouraged to minimise the number of non-essential adults on the school site.
- No access to bubblers - so drink bottles still need to be provided for all students please
- No external visitors to assemblies
- Regular hygiene breaks and frequent cleaning is still occurring across our school.

What will be decided this term is other programs that we have planned for. These include

- Kindergarten orientation
- School camps & Excursions
- Gathering of large groups of staff from other schools for face to face conferences, all day professional learning activities, meetings or planning sessions.
- Parent and carer attendance at assemblies and other school events
- Parent and carer volunteers – e.g. parent reading helpers
- School-based activities that involve large gathering of adults. These include parent/community gatherings such as parent functions, working bees, fundraisers, school BBQs, large parent information evenings, and large on-site cultural events.
- Certain large arts and sports events.

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held by phone – Weeks 4 & 5

This term when you request an interview through our online interview booking system we will carry this out by phone. This is opportunity for us to discuss your child's achievements and discuss the goals that were set in the report. It's a time where we talk academics, we try to leave other issues for another time. It's a time to discuss how you can be involved and assist us to reinforce concepts and skills. These phone interviews will be held in weeks 4 & 5 and bookings will be made through our online interview booking system. The instructions and codes needed when booking will be sent home in our next newsletter.

**Please make sure we have all your correct contact details.
Interviews will be held on your preferred mobile number unless
another number is given to Suzanne in the office.**



School Photos

Will be held in Week 8 – Friday 11th September – Winter Uniform Please.

There will be NO Staff Photo in 2020 due to social distancing regulations

Kindergarten and Other Enrolments for 2021

We are currently taking enrolments for all classes including Kindergarten for 2021. We encourage you to contact people in our area who will have children starting school next year. Ask them to contact our school so we can begin planning our classes and also to let them know about our Perthville Possums program. There is a revised state-wide enrolment policy which has meant some changes to our intake zones so please contact the school if unsure.

Staff Development Days - Day One Terms 1, 2 and 3 ONLY

There was some confusion about the staff development day which was held on Monday.

Staff Development Days or Pupil Free days are when teachers do a large amount of professional learning and mandatory training. **These are held on the first day of Terms 1, 2 and 3.**

There is NO Staff Development Day (pupil free day) at the start of Term 4. We usually complete the ones held at the end of Term 4 throughout the year.

Infants Creative Arts Groups

Next Monday our K-2 little people will start CAPA Groups (Creative and Performing Arts). Students have been divided into 4 groups and will rotate every five weeks around Verse Speaking, Choir, Drama and Percussion. During these lessons, students will learn songs and dances ready for presentation day and a performance during assembly next term (if restrictions allow). The following teachers will take the following classes. Mrs Hardy – Choir, Mrs Bicanic – Percussion, Ms Morris - Verse Speaking and Ms Foxall – Drama. It will be great fun.

Education Week – Learning Together

As our Education Week celebrations need to be virtual this year, a daily video will appear on Facebook from each of our classes. Our awards ceremony will still take place on the Tuesday with major award winners presented certificates for their commitment to learning. A staff and community member will also be chosen. Perfect winter uniform needs to be worn on this day!



Annual Book Fair

Each year our book fair raised funds for our library. This year our Education Week Book fair will need to run a little differently due to COVID-19 restrictions.

In week 3, on Thursday 6th August the books will be placed out for the students. Each child will be able to complete a 'wish list' on the day which they will take home. Parents/carers can then decide on the purchases and pay by POP, cash or eftpos. Students can collect their books once payment is received.

We enjoy our Bookfair and it is a shame it cannot go ahead as normal with all the excitement and chaos. We look forward to hopefully having things back to normal next year. Mrs Webb & Mrs Rudge

A purple-bordered form titled "Student Wish List" with fields for "Child's Name:", "Teacher:", "Class:", and "School:". Below these fields is a table with three columns: "TITLE", "LOCATION", and "PRICE". At the bottom, there is a note for parents and a thank you message from Scholastic Book Fairs.

Child's Name: _____

Teacher: _____ Class: _____

School: _____

I previewed the books at my Scholastic Book Fair. Here are some of the books that interested me:

TITLE	LOCATION	PRICE

Parents: if you are unable to attend the Book Fair, please see over for a pre-payment option.

Thank you for supporting our Book Fair! Every purchase benefits our school!

The logo for Scholastic Book Fairs, featuring a stylized purple elephant and the text "SCHOLASTIC Book Fairs".

Bus Area and Turning Circle in Church Street

You are all well aware that we've had the parking inspector visit many times. The school has no control over the road rules that apply outside our school gates. I have included what **cannot** happen in Church street as a reminder. Although I am in negotiations with council over changes to both Church Street and Rockley Street the following rules still apply to everyone.

Please remember when you cross the road to hold your child's hand if they are under 10.



PLAN
SCALE: NTS

Please do NOT park on the footpath or drive way at the end of Church street

You are not allowed to Stop in a No Standing Zone or an emergency access point. Please do not pull up here to let children out.

Please do not park in disabled zone unless you have the correct permit.



Keep me on the fridge and update me fortnightly!



Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 20/7-24/7	SDD	Student Return Scripture Starts			Assembly Awards
2 27/7-31/7	Band Starts		Library Starts	Wear Red Day Gold Coin & Sausage Sizzle	Quocka Starts
3 3/8-7/8	Education Week	Awards Ceremony 10am Half Staff Development Day		Book Fair	Assembly Awards
4 10/8-14/8					Quocka
5 17/8-21/8			Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition		Assembly Awards
6 24/8-28/8					Quocka
7 31/8-4/9			Year 6 Orientation to High School 9.30-2.30		Assembly Awards
8 7/9-11/9					School Photos Quocka
9 14/9-18/9					Assembly Awards
10 21/9-25/9	NAIDOC Week				Last day Term 3 Quocka

Students start back in Term 4 on **Monday 12th October**